

# Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

## Officer Involved Shooting

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Report Date: <b>1/9/17</b>		Bureau/Station/Facility: <b>San Bernardino Police Dept.</b>		Admin. Invest? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hit? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Incident Information</b>					
URN: <b>17-3223 (SBPD Case#)</b>		Date: <b>1/9/17</b>		Time: <b>1348</b>	
City or Station: <b>San Bernardino</b>		Nature of Incident: <b>Off-Duty, Deputy-Involved (Hit) Shooting</b>			
Location: <b>N. Mountain View Avenue</b>					
Location Type (check one or more): <input type="checkbox"/> Backyard <input type="checkbox"/> Beach <input type="checkbox"/> Business <input type="checkbox"/> Freeway <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Parking Lot <input type="checkbox"/> Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Rural <input type="checkbox"/> School <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Street <input type="checkbox"/> Other:		Lighting (check only one): <input type="checkbox"/> Darkness <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Daylight <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Street Lights  Weather (circle only one): <input type="checkbox"/> Clear <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cloudy <input type="checkbox"/> Fog <input type="checkbox"/> Rain  Distance:		Incident Type (check one or more): <input type="checkbox"/> Accidental <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Armed Person <input type="checkbox"/> Fleeing Suspect <input type="checkbox"/> Foot Pursuit <input type="checkbox"/> Gun Take Away <input type="checkbox"/> Moving Vehicle <input type="checkbox"/> Sniper/Ambush <input type="checkbox"/> Startle <input type="checkbox"/> Struggle Involved <input type="checkbox"/> Traffic Stop <input type="checkbox"/> Unarmed Person <input type="checkbox"/> Unintentional <input type="checkbox"/> Vehicle Pursuit <input type="checkbox"/> Warrant Service <input type="checkbox"/> Warning Shot <input type="checkbox"/> Other:	
Total # of Shots Fired by Deputy: <b>11</b>		Total # of Shots Fired by Suspect: <b>5-6</b>		Initiated by (check only one): <input type="checkbox"/> Arrest Warrant <input type="checkbox"/> Call <input type="checkbox"/> Observation <input type="checkbox"/> One Person Unit <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Search Warrant <input type="checkbox"/> Two Person Unit  Prior Activity (check only one): <input type="checkbox"/> Detective <input type="checkbox"/> Inmate Transport <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Routine Patrol  Aero Unit? <input type="checkbox"/> Canine Unit? <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Employee Witnesses</b>					
Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.	ShiftTime (check only one): <input type="checkbox"/> EM <input type="checkbox"/> PM <input type="checkbox"/> Day	ShiftType (check only one): <input type="checkbox"/> Regular <input type="checkbox"/> Overtime <input type="checkbox"/> Off Duty
Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.	ShiftTime (check only one): <input type="checkbox"/> EM <input type="checkbox"/> PM <input type="checkbox"/> Day	ShiftType (check only one): <input type="checkbox"/> Regular <input type="checkbox"/> Overtime <input type="checkbox"/> Off Duty
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<b>Non-Employee Witnesses</b>					
Last Name		First Name		M.I.	
Street Address		City	Zip Code	Work Ph	Home Ph
Last Name		First Name		M.I.	
Street Address		City	Zip Code	Work Ph	Home Ph
Last Name		First Name		M.I.	
Street Address		City	Zip Code	Work Ph	Home Ph
<b>Supervisors</b>					
Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.	(check one or more): <input type="checkbox"/> On Duty <input type="checkbox"/> Witness to shooting <input type="checkbox"/> Present during shooting <input type="checkbox"/> Involved in shooting	
Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.	(check one or more): <input type="checkbox"/> On Duty <input type="checkbox"/> Witness to shooting <input type="checkbox"/> Present during shooting <input type="checkbox"/> Involved in shooting	
<b>Watch Sergeant</b>					
Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.		
<b>Watch Commander</b>					
Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.		

<b>PSTD Use Only</b>	
SH #	

Rollout Information					
Arrival Date	1/9/17	Arrival Time		Date Submitted	1/11/17
				Date of Recommendation	
Employee #		Last Name	Grall	First Name	David
					M.I. M
Employee #		Last Name	Hamil	First Name	Jeffrey
					M.I. F
Employee #		Last Name	Denison	First Name	Trent
					M.I.
Shooting / Force Information					

## Method

(AW)	Arwen	(OV)	Other Weapon: Vehicle
(BC)	Baton:(Control)	(OB)	Other Weapon: Blunt Object
(BI)	Baton:(Impact)	(OO)	Other Weapon: Other
(BF)	Bodily Fluids	(PK)	Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Kick)
(CN)	Canine	(PS)	Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Sweep)
(CR)	Carotid Restraint	(PH)	Personal Weapon (Hand/Arm)
(CH)	Choke Hold	(PP)	Personal Weapon (Push)
(CT)	Control Holds:(Control Techniques)	(PO)	Personal Weapon (Other)
(TT)	Control Holds:(Team Takedown)	(RS)	Resistance
(TD)	Control Holds:(Takedown)	(CN)	Restraint Device (Capture Net)
(CE)	Chemical	(RH)	Restraint Device (Handcuffs)
(OC)	Chemical Agents (OC Spray)	(HB)	Restraint Device:Hobble (Legs Only)
(TG)	Chemical Agents (Tear Gas)	(TP)	Restraint Device:Hobble (TARP)
(EX)	Explosives	(RE)	Restraint Device: REACT Belt
(FH)	Firearm (Handgun)	(SP)	Sap
(FR)	Firearm (Rifle)	(SH)	Shield
(FS)	Firearm (Shotgun)	(SG)	37mm Stinger
(FO)	Firearm (Other)	(SB)	Sting Ball
(FB)	Flashbang	(ST)	Stun Bag
(FL)	Flashlight	(TR)	Taser
(OE)	Other Weapon: Edged	(UC)	Uncooperative

## Type of Injury

(AB)	Abrasion
(BR)	Bruise
(BU)	Burn
(CP)	Complaint of Pain
(CO)	Concussion
(DH)	Death
(DI)	Dislocation
(DB)	Dog Bite
(FR)	Fractures
(GS)	Gunshot
(HB)	Human Bite
(LC)	Lacerations
(ND)	Nerve Damage
(OD)	Organ Damage
(PA)	Paralysis
(PW)	Puncture Wound
(SD)	Soft Tissue Damage
(ST)	Sprain/Twists
(UN)	Unconscious
(RM)	Refused Med Treatment
(NN)	NONE

**Body Part Injured**

(AD)	Abdomen
(AK)	Ankle
(AR)	Arm
(BK)	Back
(BT)	Buttocks
(CH)	Chest
(EL)	Elbow
(FA)	Face
(FE)	Feet
(FI)	Fingers
(GE)	Genitals
(GR)	Groin
(HD)	Hand
(HE)	Head
(HI)	Hip
(IN)	Internal
(KN)	Knees
(LE)	Leg
(NK)	Neck
(SH)	Shoulder
(WR)	Wrist

**Brand**

(AK)	AK-47	(JE)	Jennings	(SW)	Smith & Wesson
(BN)	Benelli	(LO)	Lorcin	(SR)	Sturm Ruger
(BR)	Beretta	(LU)	Luger	(SS)	SIG Sauer
(BW)	Browning	(MA)	Marlin	(ST)	Sterling
(CH)	Charter Arms	(MO)	Mossberg	(TA)	Taurus
(CO)	Colt	(NC)	NCI aka SKS	(WE)	Weatherby
(DA)	Davis Industries	(NA)	North American	(WN)	Winchester
(GL)	Glock	(NO)	Norinco	(US)	US Government
(HA)	Harrington & Richardson	(RA)	Raven	(YY)	Handmade (Inmate)
(HI)	Hi Standard	(RM)	Remington	(XX)	Homemade (Non-Inmate)
(HK)	H & K	(RG)	RG	(ZZ)	Other Brand
(IT)	Ithaca	(RI)	RGI		

**Caliber**

9)	9 mm	(24)	.243 caliber	(41)	.410 gauge
10)	10 mm	(25)	.25 caliber	(44)	.44 caliber
12)	12 gauge	(30)	.308 caliber	(45)	.45 caliber
20)	20 gauge	(35)	.357 caliber	(50)	50 mm
21)	.22-250	(36)	30-60 caliber	(SL)	Slug
22)	.22 caliber	(38)	.38 caliber	(WWW)	Other caliber
23)	.223 caliber	(40)	.40 caliber		

**FORCE APPLIED** (one code per block)[illegible]

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## Involved Employee

<b>E 1</b>	Employee #		Last Name		First Name		M.I.	
			Ramirez		Joshua			
	Sex: <b>M</b>	Race: <b>H</b>	Rank: <b>Deputy Sheriff</b>	Unit Assignment: <b>MCJ</b>	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): <b>N/A</b>			
	ShiftTime (circle only one): <input type="checkbox"/> EM <input type="checkbox"/> PM <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Day		ShiftType (circle only one): <input type="checkbox"/> Regular <input type="checkbox"/> Overtime <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Off Duty		Intoxication/Drug Usage? <input type="checkbox"/>		Substance Used:	
	Hospital Admission? <input type="checkbox"/>		Hospital Name:		Coroner Case? <input type="checkbox"/>		Coroner Case #	
	Hrs of sleep prior to shooting: <b>8</b>		Duty Time (hrs):		Clothing (circle only one): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Plain Clothes no Vest <input type="checkbox"/> Plain Clothes w/ Vest <input type="checkbox"/> Raid Jacket no Vest <input type="checkbox"/> Raid Jacket w/ Vest		Other Factors: <b>Off Duty</b>	
	Age: <b>5-6</b>		Height: <b>176</b>		PPC Qualification Date:		Laser Training Date:	
	Range Qualification Date:		Certification Unit:		Prior Shootings?		Number of Prior Shootings:	
	Certified with Weapon Used?		Patrol Certification?		Directed Force:			
	Weapons Fired Brand: <b>Beretta</b>		Caliber: <b>9mm</b>		# Shots: <b>11</b>		Weapons Fired Brand:	
Field Training Officer Emp #		Last Name		First Name		M.I.		
Field Training Officer Emp #		Last Name		First Name		M.I.		

  

<b>E</b>	Employee #		Last Name		First Name		M.I.	
	Sex:	Race:	Rank:	Unit Assignment:	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):			
	ShiftTime (circle only one): <input type="checkbox"/> EM <input type="checkbox"/> PM <input type="checkbox"/> Day		ShiftType (circle only one): <input type="checkbox"/> Regular <input type="checkbox"/> Overtime <input type="checkbox"/> Off Duty		Intoxication/Drug Usage? <input type="checkbox"/>		Substance Used:	
	Hospital Admission? <input type="checkbox"/>		Hospital Name:		Coroner Case? <input type="checkbox"/>		Coroner Case #	
	Hrs of sleep prior to shooting:		Duty Time (hrs):		Clothing (circle only one): <input type="checkbox"/> Plain Clothes no Vest <input type="checkbox"/> Plain Clothes w/ Vest <input type="checkbox"/> Raid Jacket no Vest <input type="checkbox"/> Raid Jacket w/ Vest		Other Factors:	
	Age:		Height:		PPC Qualification Date:		Laser Training Date:	
	Range Qualification Date:		Certification Unit:		Prior Shootings?		Number of Prior Shootings:	
	Certified with Weapon Used?		Patrol Certification?		Directed Force:			
	Weapons Fired Brand:		Caliber:		# Shots:		Weapons Fired Brand:	
Field Training Officer Emp #		Last Name		First Name		M.I.		
Field Training Officer Emp #		Last Name		First Name		M.I.		

  

<b>E</b>	Employee #		Last Name		First Name		M.I.	
	Sex:	Race:	Rank:	Unit Assignment:	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):			
	ShiftTime (circle only one): <input type="checkbox"/> EM <input type="checkbox"/> PM <input type="checkbox"/> Day		ShiftType (circle only one): <input type="checkbox"/> Regular <input type="checkbox"/> Overtime <input type="checkbox"/> Off Duty		Intoxication/Drug Usage? <input type="checkbox"/>		Substance Used:	
	Hospital Admission? <input type="checkbox"/>		Hospital Name:		Coroner Case? <input type="checkbox"/>		Coroner Case #	
	Hrs of sleep prior to shooting:		Duty Time (hrs):		Clothing (circle only one): <input type="checkbox"/> Plain Clothes no Vest <input type="checkbox"/> Plain Clothes w/ Vest <input type="checkbox"/> Raid Jacket no Vest <input type="checkbox"/> Raid Jacket w/ Vest		Other Factors:	
	Age:		Height:		PPC Qualification Date:		Laser Training Date:	
	Range Qualification Date:		Certification Unit:		Prior Shootings?		Number of Prior Shootings:	
	Certified with Weapon Used?		Patrol Certification?		Directed Force:			
	Weapons Fired Brand:		Caliber:		# Shots:		Weapons Fired Brand:	
Field Training Officer Emp #		Last Name		First Name		M.I.		
Field Training Officer Emp #		Last Name		First Name		M.I.		

# Officer Involved Shooting Suspect Information

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## Suspect Information

S 1	Last Name		Bell		First Name		Eric		M.I.		
	AKA Last Name				First Name				M.I.		
Sex: M		Race: B		Street Address:		City		State & Zip Code:			
Work Phone:		Home Phone:		Social Security #:		Driver's License #:					
Age: 18		D.O.B. 9/17/98		Height: 6-0		Weight: 240		FBI #		CII #	
Booking #		1701341012		Primary Charge:		664/187 PC		Secondary Charge:		245(A)(2) PC	
Coroner Case?		<input type="checkbox"/>		Coroner Case #		Intoxication/Drug Usage?		<input type="checkbox"/>		Substance Used:	
Armed?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Apprehended?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Mental Illness?		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Criminal History?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Vehicle Make		Model:		Year:		Parole:	
		Mercedes Benz		E450		1989		Probation: Yes		Prior Felony Conviction: Yes	
S 2	Last Name		Cook		First Name		Jeremiah		M.I.		
	AKA Last Name				First Name				M.I.		
Sex: M		Race: B		Street Address:		City		State & Zip Code:			
Work Phone:		Home Phone:		Social Security #:		Driver's License #:					
Age: 18		D.O.B. 3/15/98		Height: 6-3		Weight: 190		FBI #		CII #	
Booking #		1701340986		Primary Charge:		664/187 PC		Secondary Charge:		245(A)(2) PC	
Coroner Case?		<input type="checkbox"/>		Coroner Case #		Intoxication/Drug Usage?		<input type="checkbox"/>		Substance Used:	
Armed?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Apprehended?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Mental Illness?		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Criminal History?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Vehicle Make		Model:		Year:		Parole:	
								Probation: Yes		Prior Felony Conviction: Yes	
S	Last Name				First Name				M.I.		
	AKA Last Name				First Name				M.I.		
Sex:		Race:		Street Address:		City		State & Zip Code:			
Work Phone:		Home Phone:		Social Security #:		Driver's License #:					
Age:		D.O.B.:		Height:		Weight:		FBI #		CII #	
Booking #				Primary Charge:				Secondary Charge:			
Coroner Case?		<input type="checkbox"/>		Coroner Case #		Intoxication/Drug Usage?		<input type="checkbox"/>		Substance Used:	
Armed?		<input type="checkbox"/>		Apprehended?		<input type="checkbox"/>		Mental Illness?		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Criminal History?		<input type="checkbox"/>		Vehicle Make		Model:		Year:		Parole:	
								Probation:		Prior Felony Conviction:	
S	Last Name				First Name				M.I.		
	AKA Last Name				First Name				M.I.		
Sex:		Race:		Street Address:		City		State & Zip Code:			
Work Phone:		Home Phone:		Social Security #:		Driver's License #:					
Age:		D.O.B.:		Height:		Weight:		FBI #		CII #	
Booking #				Primary Charge:				Secondary Charge:			
Coroner Case?		<input type="checkbox"/>		Coroner Case #		Intoxication/Drug Usage?		<input type="checkbox"/>		Substance Used:	
Armed?		<input type="checkbox"/>		Apprehended?		<input type="checkbox"/>		Mental Illness?		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Criminal History?		<input type="checkbox"/>		Vehicle Make		Model:		Year:		Parole:	
								Probation:		Prior Felony Conviction:	

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**DEPUTY INVOLVED HIT SHOOTING**  
**INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY**  
**OFF DUTY**

**CASE NUMBER:** SH2419182

**SUSPECTS:** Eric Bell, 09/17/1998  
Jeremiah Cook, 03/15/1998

**UNIT/DIVISION:** Men's Central Jail / Custody Division

**DATE/TIME/DAY:** January 9, 2017, 1347 hours, Monday

**LOCATION:** [REDACTED] North Mountain View Road, San Bernardino,  
CA 92401.

On January 9, 2017, Internal Affairs Bureau (IAB) Lieutenant David Grall, Sergeants Jeff Hamil and Trent Dennison, responded to [REDACTED] N Mountain View Road, in the city of San Bernardino, regarding an off-duty deputy-involved shooting. Suspect Bell sustained four gunshot wounds and was transported to Loma Linda Medical Center (Exhibit A, tab one).

Detective [REDACTED], under the supervision of Sergeant [REDACTED] from the city of San Bernardino Police Department (SBPD), Homicide Bureau, arrived and assumed control of the investigation. For further information refer to the San Bernardino Police Department Homicide case book and reports under file number 2017-3223 (Exhibits A and B).

**IAB Note:** The San Bernardino Police Department Homicide case book is numbered with tabs, not page numbers. The IAB summary will refer to tabs and sub tabs (white tabs) to maintain the integrity of the shooting investigation. IAB Sergeant Jeff Hamil removed the Homicide case book from the three ring binder and included it, intact, in the IAB case book, excluding 21 Compact discs (CD's) that were downloaded to a USB flash drive (Exhibit E).



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Lieutenant Grall took reasonable steps to ensure involved personnel and witnesses did not discuss the incident amongst themselves. The incident took place in the city of San Bernardino and therefore, had to comply with their jurisdictional investigative protocols.

**SYNOPSIS:**

On January 9, 2017, Deputy Joshua Ramirez was off-duty [REDACTED]. Deputy Ramirez received a call from his [REDACTED] stating a black Mercedes Benz was driving around the neighborhood and one of the occupants tried to climb over their wall. Deputy Ramirez' [REDACTED] let their two dogs out into the backyard and the occupant got back into the black Mercedes and the Mercedes left the neighborhood.

Deputy Ramirez arrived [REDACTED] and was contacted by his [REDACTED] (F/B [REDACTED], Exhibit B) and Ms. [REDACTED] showed Deputy Ramirez three photographs (Exhibit A, tab 5) of the black Mercedes. She told Deputy Ramirez the driver of the black Mercedes urinated on his (Deputy Ramirez) wall, and the passenger was looking over his fence. Deputy Ramirez recognized the black Mercedes and recalled he had spoken to the two occupants inside the Mercedes on three or four prior occasions (Deputy Ramirez Homicide and IAB interviews).

After talking to Ms. [REDACTED], Deputy Ramirez went into his [REDACTED]. Since he was on [REDACTED] and planning to take [REDACTED], Deputy Ramirez decided to leave early in case the Mercedes returned. Deputy Ramirez thought the occupants were in search of houses to burglarize because of the way the occupants were seen driving through the neighborhood (Deputy Ramirez Homicide and IAB transcripts). Deputy Ramirez' needed to fuel up his vehicle, and left to get gas. (Deputy Ramirez' Homicide and IAB interviews).

Deputy Ramirez drove southbound in the [REDACTED] block of North Mountain View Avenue in the city of San Bernardino. Deputy Ramirez was in his personal vehicle, a [REDACTED] colored [REDACTED] (License# [REDACTED]). He noticed a black Mercedes Benz drive south onto North Mountain View Avenue from Hill Avenue. Deputy Ramirez recognized the Mercedes from the photographs and from the prior contacts. Deputy Ramirez was driving behind the Mercedes and the Mercedes slowed down suddenly. At that moment Deputy Ramirez received a phone call from his friend [REDACTED] Exhibit A tab 5). Deputy Ramirez told [REDACTED] to write down the license plate of the Mercedes [REDACTED] because he was going to call 9-1-1.

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Deputy Ramirez drove around the Mercedes when it stopped in the roadway. Deputy Ramirez continued driving south on North Mountain Avenue, and the Mercedes made a left turn from North Mountain View Avenue onto West 49th Street. **(Exhibit A, tab 6, Deputy Ramirez' Homicide and IAB transcripts).**

Deputy Ramirez stopped at a stop sign at 46th Street and North Mountain View Avenue where he observed the Mercedes approaching westbound. Deputy Ramirez drove south on North Mountain View Avenue and saw the Mercedes traveling southbound behind him at a high rate of speed. The Mercedes was flashing its headlights and sounding its horn. Deputy Ramirez pulled to the right curb to allow the driver of the Mercedes Benz (identified as Suspect Bell) to pass.

Suspect Bell drove past Deputy Ramirez, and he heard the occupants of the Mercedes yell something unknown while they made hand gestures (both hands and arms raised) as to demonstrate "what's up." Deputy Ramirez began to drive southbound again and called 9-1-1, but the cell phone call was not answered **(Deputy Ramirez' IAB transcripts)**. Deputy Ramirez saw Suspect Bell stop the Mercedes in the middle of the street, so Deputy Ramirez also stopped in the southbound lane behind the Mercedes. The distance between Deputy Ramirez' vehicle and the suspect's vehicle was approximately thirty yards. Suspect Bell suddenly put his vehicle into reverse and began backing up toward Deputy Ramirez at a high rate of speed. Deputy Ramirez also backed up, in an attempt to turn around and drive to a police substation located at a college just north of his location. Suspect Bell was closing the distance at a high rate of speed. Deputy Ramirez stopped his vehicle and exited. He did not want to be inside his vehicle in case the Mercedes rammed it. At that point, a passenger in the Mercedes (identified as Suspect Cook) stood up through the sunroof of the vehicle while it was still moving in reverse.

Suspect Cook was protruding through the sunroof approximately chest high. He (Suspect Cook) was armed with a handgun and was facing in Deputy Ramirez' direction. Deputy Ramirez believed Suspect Cook was firing at him because he heard gunshots. Deputy Ramirez stood behind the open driver's door of his car. He fired several rounds at Suspect Cook because he feared for his life. Suspect Cook ducked down inside the vehicle but he continued to point the handgun at Deputy Ramirez through the sunroof. Suspect Bell stopped the Mercedes and pulled forward slightly. Deputy Ramirez saw an additional handgun come out through the sunroof and fire.

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Again fearing for his life, Deputy Ramirez fired additional rounds at the Mercedes where the suspect's torso would be. Deputy Ramirez could not see the suspect's torso but fired where it should be, based off of body position. Deputy Ramirez fired at Suspect Bell's torso because Deputy Ramirez saw two handguns and determined Suspect Bell was shooting at him. Suspect Bell drove quickly southbound away from Deputy Ramirez. Deputy Ramirez stopped firing because of the distance of the Mercedes and did not feel confident on being able to safely shoot. Deputy Ramirez did not have time to identify himself as a peace officer.

When the suspect's vehicle was about 100 yards south of Deputy Ramirez' position, he could still see a hand protruding from the sunroof. It is unknown whose hand it was because of the distance. The hand was holding what appeared to be a handgun (Exhibit E, [REDACTED] North Mountain View Avenue surveillance video). Several shots were fired in Deputy Ramirez' direction. Deputy Ramirez did not return fire because the vehicle was too far away. One of the shots fired by the suspects struck a parked vehicle in front of Deputy Ramirez' position (Exhibit E, [REDACTED] North Mountain View Avenue surveillance video and photographs obtained from the surveillance video, Exhibit A, tab 5). Deputy Ramirez called 9-1-1 and identified himself to the San Bernardino Police dispatcher as a deputy sheriff. He advised the dispatcher of the shooting and requested backup (Exhibit E, disk 7).

Officers from the SBPD arrived at the location and broadcast the suspect's description and vehicle. Detectives from SBPD immediately recognized the vehicle and suspect's description from an [REDACTED] call from [REDACTED] December 29, 2016. Detectives knew the vehicle had been seen at [REDACTED] and an address [REDACTED] on [REDACTED] in the city of San Bernardino (Exhibit A, tab 1 and 4).

SBPD entered the suspect's vehicle license plate [REDACTED] into the city's automated license plate reader network ("Vigilant LEARN Solutions") and the suspect's vehicle was identified by a camera at [REDACTED] Street and North [REDACTED] Street (Exhibit A, tab 5 and Exhibit E, disk 3).

**IAB Note: "LEARN" is the name of the cloud based program for  
SBPD automated license plate reader network.**



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SBPD Special Enforcement Team responded to the [REDACTED] block of [REDACTED] Street and conducted a surveillance of the area. SBPD found the suspect's vehicle parked in front of [REDACTED]. The headlights were on and bullet holes were visible to both the front and rear windows. While surveilling the suspect's vehicle, a silver Ford Crown Victoria, license plate [REDACTED] drove into an alley, west of the suspect's vehicle. Two females exited the Crown Victoria, one [REDACTED] walked to the suspect's vehicle and removed an object from inside the vehicle. She then walked back to the Crown Victoria, placed the object in the passenger side, and got back into the vehicle [REDACTED] video interview Exhibit E, disk 8 and SBPD summary Exhibit A, tab 4, 6 sub 7). The other female [REDACTED] walked to the front door of [REDACTED] and appeared to have a conversation with someone inside the residence. She then walked back to the Crown Victoria and got into the vehicle [REDACTED] video interview Exhibit E, disk 9 and SBPD summary Exhibit A, tab 4, 6 sub 4).

The Crown Victoria drove away from the location and was stopped by SBPD patrol officers immediately after it drove away from [REDACTED]. The driver of the vehicle was Suspect Cook. The three occupants were detained. SBPD officers then detained the occupant of [REDACTED] pending a search warrant. The occupant of [REDACTED] was identified as Suspect Bell's [REDACTED] (See [REDACTED] video interview, Exhibit E, disk 16 and SBPD summary, Exhibit B). While at [REDACTED] Street, Suspect Bell's [REDACTED] arrived after taking Suspect Bell to the Kaiser Hospital in Fontana [REDACTED] video interview Exhibit E, disk 15 and SBPD summary, Exhibit A, tab 6 sub 6).

While SBPD secured search warrants for [REDACTED] and all involved vehicles, Deputy Ramirez was transported to the [REDACTED]. Deputy Ramirez positively identified Suspect Cook as the passenger of the Mercedes and the suspect who was visible through the sunroof, pointing a handgun at him. Deputy Ramirez was transported to the Kaiser Hospital in Fontana where SBPD officers had detained Suspect Bell. Deputy Ramirez positively identified Suspect Bell as the driver of the Mercedes. Both suspects were arrested for 664/187 P.C. - Attempted Murder.

SBPD served search warrants on [REDACTED] the black Mercedes (license number [REDACTED]), silver Crown Victoria (license number [REDACTED]) and a white Chevrolet Blazer (license number [REDACTED]).

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SBPD recovered a loaded black and silver, AMT 380 9mm "KURZ" semi-automatic handgun, serial number [REDACTED] an empty box of 9mm ammunition and one live round of "R-P" 9mm ammunition from [REDACTED] SBPD recovered an unloaded Glock model 17 9mm semi-automatic handgun, serial number [REDACTED] from the silver Ford Crown Victoria. SBPD recovered numerous bullet fragments and .45 caliber ammunition from the black Mercedes (Exhibit A, tab 9, Exhibit E, disk 10, and Crown Victoria photographs).

**DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S LETTER OF OPINION:**

The Central Criminal Division of the County of San Bernardino Office of the District Attorney reviewed the shooting involving Suspects Bell and Cook, and Deputy Ramirez. In their letter (Exhibit C) dated February 16, 2017, Chief Deputy District Attorney Simon R. Umscheid stated Deputy Ramirez is a "victim" in the complaint filed against Suspects Bell and Cook. Deputy Ramirez "was not and is not" considered a suspect in the incident, and he is "not the subject of any criminal investigation."

**INVOLVED PERSONNEL:**

Ramirez, Joshua, Deputy, # [REDACTED]  
Men's Central Jail

MH/ [REDACTED] 5-6, 168 lbs. [REDACTED]

Date of Employment: [REDACTED]  
Date assigned to MCJ Facility: [REDACTED]  
Prior Shooting Incidents: [REDACTED]

10/03/2007

**SUSPECTS:**

Eric Bell, MB/19, DOB: 09/17/1998, 6-0, 240 lbs.  
Jeremiah Mujahi Cook, MB/19, DOB: 03/15/1998, 6-3, 190 lbs.

The Consolidated Criminal History Reporting System revealed both Suspects [REDACTED]

**DEPARTMENT WITNESSES:**

None

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**NON-DEPARTMENT WITNESS:**

[REDACTED] FW, [REDACTED]

**SUSPECT INJURIES:**

Suspect Bell sustained four gunshot wounds to his back and right arm. He was treated at Kaiser Hospital in Fontana and transferred to Loma Linda University Medical Center (Exhibit A, tab 1).

**EMPLOYEE INJURIES:**

None

**PHYSICAL EVIDENCE:**

All evidence was collected by personnel from the San Bernardino Police Department's Scientific Investigations Division (crime lab). Two firearms were among the items recovered and collected as evidence. Crime scene sketches and legends are included in (Exhibit A, tabs 7 and 8). A flash drive containing crime scene photographs is in (Exhibit E, Disk 10, 11 and Crown Victoria). A list with descriptions of evidence collected by the crime lab is included in the SBPD case book (Exhibit A, tabs 7, 8 and Exhibit B).

**DISTANCES:**

Distances of shots fired were estimated from five to 100 yards. Measurements by the crime lab are included in the SBPD case book (Exhibit A, tab 7).

**INVESTIGATORS OBSERVATIONS:**

The scene was described in detail by San Bernardino Police Department Homicide Bureau investigators and documented with photographs. The scene description covered the entire incident and shooting location (Exhibit A, tab 7). The descriptions were consistent with the observations of the IAB investigators who responded to the scene.

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**REVIEW OF RADIO TRANSMISSIONS:**

There was no radio traffic by Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department personnel associated with this incident. A transcribed copy of Deputy Ramirez' 9-1-1 call is included in Deputy Ramirez' IAB transcribed interview.

**REVIEW OF VIDEO:**

Surveillance video from [REDACTED] was reviewed (times obtained from video display).

A four page video review with screen shots and time stamps is included in (Exhibit A, tab 5). IAB Investigators reviewed the video and confirmed it was consistent with the video review in (Exhibit A, tab 5).

**IAB Note: A copy of the surveillance video footage is included in the IAB case book as (Exhibit E).**

**WEAPON USED BY DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL:**

**Deputy Ramirez**

Service Weapon type:

Beretta 9mm Semi-Automatic 92F

Rounds Fired:

11

Type of Ammunition:

Department issued 147gr (Win) 9mm Luger

Date Employee Last Qualified:

Equipment:

None

**WEAPONS USED BY SUSPECTS:**

SBPD recovered a loaded black and silver AMT 380 9mm "KURZ" semi-automatic handgun with five live rounds serial number [REDACTED] and an unloaded Glock model 17 9mm semi-automatic handgun serial number [REDACTED]. The weapons recovered were consistent with Deputy Ramirez' description.

**PROPERTY DAMAGE:**

The property damage is described in (Exhibit A, tab 7).

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**CRIMINAL INVESTIGATORS/CHARGES FILED:**

Investigators: San Bernardino Police Department Homicide Detective [REDACTED]

Charges: Suspects Bell and Cook were charged with Attempted Murder 664/187 P.C., Assault with a Deadly Weapon 245 (a)(2) P.C. and Shooting at an Occupied Vehicle 246 P.C., case numbers FSB17000152 and FSB17000146.

Suspects Bell's and Cook's next court date is 03/16/2018. Copies of the court documents are included in the IAB case book in **(Exhibit B)**.

**LIGHTING AND WEATHER CONDITIONS:**

The incident took place on a cloudy, rainy day at approximately 1347 hours.

**STATEMENTS:**

**DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL**

San Bernardino Police Department Homicide Bureau investigators interviewed Deputy Ramirez. The interview was summarized in **(Exhibit A, tab 1)**. SBPD transcribed the verbatim interview and included it in **(Exhibit A, tab 6 sub 1)**. A copy of the video recorded SBPD interview is included in **(Exhibit E, disk 4)**.

Internal Affairs Bureau investigators interviewed Deputy Ramirez. Diagrams and photographs used for the interview are included in the IAB case book **(Exhibit D)**. For verbatim statements, see the attached transcribed interviews in the IAB case book.

**Deputy Joshua Ramirez**

On January 9, 2017, Deputy Joshua Ramirez was off-duty. Deputy Ramirez stated he received a call from his [REDACTED] stating a black Mercedes was driving around the neighborhood and one of the occupants tried to climb over their wall. Deputy Ramirez stated his [REDACTED] let her two dogs out into the backyard and the occupants entered the black Mercedes left the neighborhood.

Deputy Ramirez stated he arrived [REDACTED] and was contacted by his [REDACTED] Ms. [REDACTED] and she showed Deputy Ramirez three photographs **(Exhibit A, tab 5)**, of the black



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Mercedes.

Ms. [REDACTED] told Deputy Ramirez the driver of the black Mercedes urinated on his wall and the passenger was looking over his fence. Deputy Ramirez recognized the black Mercedes because he had spoken to the two occupants (identified Suspects Bell and Cook) on three or four prior occasions (**Deputy Ramirez' IAB transcribed interview pages, 4, 20, 21 and 23**). Deputy Ramirez never reported the Mercedes to the SBPD because they were just acting suspicious, and had broken no laws that he was aware of.

[REDACTED]

Deputy Ramirez left his [REDACTED] and drove southbound in the [REDACTED] block of North Mountain View Avenue in the city of San Bernardino. Deputy Ramirez was in his personal vehicle. He noticed a black Mercedes Benz drive onto North Mountain View Avenue from Hill Avenue. Deputy Ramirez recognized the Mercedes from the photographs and from the prior contacts. Deputy Ramirez was driving behind the Mercedes when the Mercedes suddenly started to slow down. Deputy Ramirez stated at that point, he received a phone call from his friend [REDACTED] **Exhibit A, tab 5**). Deputy Ramirez told [REDACTED] to write down the license plate [REDACTED] because he was going to call 9-1-1. Deputy Ramirez drove around the Mercedes after it came to a complete stop in the roadway.

Deputy Ramirez stated he continued traveling south on North Mountain Avenue, and the Mercedes made a left turn from North Mountain View Avenue onto West 49th Street. Deputy Ramirez stopped at a stop sign at 46th street and North Mountain View Avenue, and observed the Mercedes approaching from the east. Deputy Ramirez drove south on North Mountain View Avenue and saw the Mercedes traveling southbound behind him at a high rate of speed. The Mercedes was flashing its headlights and sounding its horn. Deputy Ramirez pulled to the right curb to allow the Mercedes Benz to pass.

The Mercedes passed, and Deputy Ramirez heard the occupants of the Mercedes yell at him, Deputy Ramirez could not hear what was said. Deputy Ramirez stated they made hand gestures at him (Deputy Ramirez). Deputy Ramirez described the gestures as hand up like to say "what's up." Deputy Ramirez began to drive southbound again

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and called 9-1-1, but the cell phone call was not answered. Deputy Ramirez saw that the Mercedes stopped in the middle of the street so Deputy Ramirez also stopped in the southbound lane behind it.

The distance between Deputy Ramirez' vehicle and the suspect's vehicle was approximately thirty yards. Deputy Ramirez stated Suspect Bell suddenly put the vehicle into reverse and began backing up toward Deputy Ramirez at a high rate of speed. Deputy Ramirez also backed up, in an attempt to turn around and drive to a police substation located at the Cal State College just north of the location. Deputy Ramirez stated the Mercedes was closing the distance between them at a high rate of speed.

Deputy Ramirez stopped his vehicle and exited, so if the Mercedes hit him, he would not be hurt by the crash or airbags deploying. Deputy Ramirez stated Suspect Cook (passenger) in the vehicle stood up through the sunroof of the vehicle while it was still moving backward.

Suspect Cook was kneeling through the sunroof approximately chest height. Deputy Ramirez stated Suspect Cook was armed with a handgun and he was facing backward in Deputy Ramirez' direction. Deputy Ramirez believed Suspect Cook was firing at him because he heard gunshots.

Deputy Ramirez stood between the open driver's door and the driver's side of his car. Fearing for his life, Deputy Ramirez fired several rounds at Suspect Cook's torso through the rear window of the Mercedes because he (Deputy Ramirez) did not want his rounds to ricochet and hit a house. Deputy Ramirez stated Suspect Cook ducked down inside the vehicle but the handgun was still pointed at Deputy Ramirez through the sunroof. The Mercedes pulled forward slightly and Deputy Ramirez saw an additional handgun come through the sunroof and fire at him. Deputy Ramirez fearing for his life fired additional rounds at the Mercedes where the suspect's torso was based off where the gun was positioned. Suspect Bell quickly drove southbound away from Deputy Ramirez. Deputy Ramirez stopped firing because of the distance and he did not feel like he could safely return fire. Deputy Ramirez did not have enough time to identify himself as a peace officer.

When the suspect's vehicle was about 100 yards south of Deputy Ramirez' position, Deputy Ramirez saw a hand protrude from the sunroof, holding what appeared to be a handgun. Deputy Ramirez stated several shots were fired in his direction. Deputy Ramirez saw one of the rounds struck a parked vehicle in front of him. Deputy Ramirez

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did not return fire because the vehicle was too far away and out of range. Deputy Ramirez connected with the 9-1-1 dispatcher and identified himself as a deputy sheriff. He advised the dispatcher of the shooting and requested backup.

Deputy Ramirez stated he could still see the suspect's vehicle traveling south when the 9-1-1 dispatcher answered his call. SBPD detectives transported Deputy Ramirez to [REDACTED] N. D Street, and The Kaiser Hospital in Fontana to identify Suspects Bell and Cook. Deputy Ramirez was transported to the SBPD Station for an interview.

**NON-DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL:**

San Bernardino Police Department Homicide Bureau investigators interviewed numerous people in their investigation (**Exhibits A, B, and E**). Witness [REDACTED] was the only identified witness to see any part of the shooting. San Bernardino Homicide Bureau investigators interviewed Witness [REDACTED]. Her interview was summarized in (**Exhibit B**). Suspects Bell and Cook were interviewed. Their interviews were summarized in (**Exhibit A, tab 6 sub 2 and 3**).

San Bernardino Police Department Homicide Bureau investigators provided CD's (**Exhibit E, disks 12 and 14**) with the audio and video recordings of the interviews. IAB Investigators had the interviews transcribed. For verbatim statements, see the attached transcribed interviews in the IAB case book.

**Witness** [REDACTED]

Witness [REDACTED] stated she was at home [REDACTED] when she heard approximately six gunshots. Witness [REDACTED] looked out of her dining room window and saw a black sedan traveling south on North Mountain View Avenue. Witness [REDACTED] saw an arm extended out of the driver's door window holding what she thought was a handgun. Witness [REDACTED] said the handgun was fired three to four times as it passed her house. Witness [REDACTED] said the gun was being fired north in the direction of Deputy Ramirez. Witness [REDACTED] could not identify the occupants of the black vehicle.

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**Suspect Jeremiah Cook**

Suspect Cook stated he was never with Suspect Bell. He said he heard about Suspect Bell being shot and went to Suspect Bell's [REDACTED] house to see how he was. Suspect Cook denied he had shot a gun, and said he had not been in the black Mercedes since the day before (January 8, 2017). Suspect Cook denied dropping the Mercedes off at Suspect Bell's House [REDACTED]. Suspect Cook denied shooting a weapon since New Year's Eve.

**IAB Note: Suspect Cook's Gunshot Residue (GSR) test returned positive for gunshot residue (Exhibit B).**

**Suspect Eric Bell**

Suspect Bell stated he was driving the black Mercedes and Suspect Cook was the passenger. He said they were driving down "Cajon" and they were being followed by a "gold" sedan with tinted windows. Suspect Bell said he turned on Mountain View and the gold car was real close to him, so he drove alongside the gold car and he (Suspect Bell) threw his arms up as if to say "what's up?"

Suspect Bell said the gold car stopped, and he (Suspect Bell) put the car in reverse and backed up to see who it was. Suspect Bell said the driver of the gold car started shooting at him and Suspect Cook. Suspect Bell drove off after being stuck by numerous bullets. Suspect Bell stated Suspect Cook shot back at the gold car after they drove off. Suspect bell denied firing a weapon.

***For complete statements made, more information, and precise wording, see the attached verbatim interview transcriptions.***